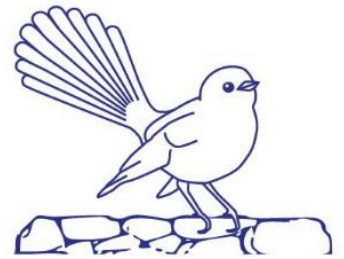


MAUNU SCHOOL

"The Freedom to Soar - Tukuna kia rere"



THURSDAY 21st AUGUST 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora e te whānau,

Education is one of the most powerful gifts we can give our tamariki. It opens doors, builds confidence, and shapes the future. At Maunu School, we are privileged to be part of this important journey alongside you

and your children.

Across Aotearoa, education is going through one of the biggest periods of change in recent memory. Research has shown that these changes in how we teach and how children learn make a real difference for our tamariki. Like schools across the country, our teachers have been working tirelessly to upskill and adapt, undertaking significant professional development on top of their already full workloads. Their dedication ensures that our children continue to have the very best opportunities to learn and thrive.

In the media, you will have heard about strikes and union meetings across the education sector. While these stories can sometimes sound political, at the heart of it is a simple truth: teachers care deeply about education, about their students, and about the future of the profession. Teaching has always been a vocation, chosen not for wealth or status, but for the joy of making a difference and seeing the "lightbulb moment" when a child believes in themselves or achieves a new goal.

Teachers, like all professionals, need the right conditions and resources to do their best work. The conversations happening nationally reflect the need to support and retain the incredible educators we already have, while also encouraging the next generation to join this rewarding career.

Here at Maunu, I want to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our staff who go above and beyond for our tamariki. Their hearts and their arms are wrapped around your children every day. I also want to thank you, our wonderful community, for the way you walk alongside us in partnership. Together, we create the special place that Maunu School is.

There is a saying: "*Children don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.*" At Maunu School, we care deeply about our children, about their learning, and about their future.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Claire Turton, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

22 Aug	Whole School Assembly – 2pm
27 Aug	WPSSA Cross Country
29 Aug	Paul Sumich Coffee Cart
9-11 Sep	Visual Arts Exhibition
10 Sep	Bot Election – Voting closes 4pm
15 Sep	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
19 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
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6 Oct	First Day of Term 4
24 Oct	Staff Only Day – <u>School Closed</u>
14 Nov	Friday Flicks – Save the date
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
2 Feb	First Day of Term 1 2026

AROUND THE SCHOOL

VALUES CUP WINNERS 8 AUGUST



Kobe – **Tawa**
Liam – **Kowhai**
Kauri – **Rata**
Ethan – **Tawa**



CERTIFICATE WINNERS 8 AUGUST

ROOM 1	Georgia McCarrison, Eldria Jobil
ROOM 2	Charlie Beilby, Evelyn Aby, Abdur Chaudhry
ROOM 3	Tobi Zeien, Chloe Baker, Zaydin Smith
ROOM 4	Arthur Holt, Aarcha Suresh, Eknoor Kaur
ROOM 5	Willow Berghan, Mateo Osborne, Rylee Rajah
ROOM 6	Kianu Kapa, Luca de Boer
ROOM 9	Kaio Koncsek, Abigail Peters-Koch, Ada Brown
ROOM 10	Ricky Bonar, Ayla Brilevich, Kaihi Poa
ROOM 11	William Hardwick, Grace Adamson, Alexander Peters-Koch
ROOM 12	Millie Shelford, Mila Cartwright, Axel Stewart
ROOM 14	Riley Baker, Liam Tauri, Avemariya Nobl
ROOM 15	Jake Ragnat, Austin Wright, Mila Foy
ROOM 17	Hunar Saini, Oscar Baker, Lucas van Esch
ROOM 18	Serena Fitzhenry, Manaaki Connelly, Sam Prasanth

NED'S RESILINECY RIDE – AT MAUNU SCHOOL

Unfortunately, the NED's Resiliency Ride school-wide assembly that was planned for Tuesday 22nd July had to be postponed. We are now very pleased to announce that they will be coming to school today for a whole-school assembly.

This special show is designed to help our tamariki build *resilience*, a skill that is more important than ever in today's world. Resilience is what helps our children bounce back from challenges, adapt to change, and keep going even when things get tough. It's about giving them the confidence to face life's ups and downs with a positive attitude and determination.

The NED message is simple but powerful:

- **Never** give up
- **Encourage** others
- **Do** your best



These values sit closely alongside our own school values and are ones we encourage our children to carry with them every day.

We encourage you to talk to your child after school today about what they learned. Sharing the key messages at home reinforces the learning and helps our tamariki put these strategies into action in their daily lives.

The show is provided free to our school through their **“Pay it Forward” programme**. As part of this, families are invited to explore the related resources, which help to reinforce the important messages from the assembly. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

CROSS COUNTRY AT BARGE PARK

10yr old Girls	1st: Macee Anderson 2nd: Khanh An Ha 3rd: Mila Cartwright	10yr old Boys	1st: Noah Jepsen 2nd: Marlu Labuschagne 3rd: Patrick Reid
9yr old Girls	1st: Holly Harrison 2nd: Olive Mitchell 3rd: Hazel Hati	9yr old Boys	1st: William Hardwick 2nd: Charlie Green 3rd: Cooper Fromont
8yr old Girls	1st: Kierat Kaur 2nd: Kennedy Churches 3rd: Sophia Shanahan	8yr old Boys	1st: Freddie Steel 2nd: Jaxon Fedarb 3rd: Fateh Singh
7yr old Girls	1st: Kalia Anderson 2nd: Charli Ryan 3rd: Mollie Perry	7yr old Boys	1st: Cody Bassett-Allen 2nd: Kauri Foy 3rd: Jayden Gardner
6yr old Girls	1st: Annabelle Orr 2nd: Serena Fitzhenry 3rd: Elea Hunt	6yr old Boys	1st: Jac Chapman-Smith 2nd: Ayden Alex 3rd: Oliver Mathieson
5yr old Girls	1st: Meg Shelford 2nd: Audrey English Alexander 3rd: Tobi Zeien	5yr old Boys	1st: Alex Lancaster 2nd: Michael Shanahan 3rd: Jake Harrison
4yr old Girls	1st: Georgia McCarrison 2nd: Addison Orr 3rd: Eloise Jensen	4yr old Boys	1st: Jimmy Chapman- Smith 2nd: Anton Alex 3rd: William Tregonning

Congratulations to every child who ran our school cross country last Friday. There was a lot of keen competition with some very exciting finishes and all the children ran with such determination. The encouraging cheers and support from everyone were very much appreciated by the runners and spurred them on.

Above are the first 3 past the post in age order. The ages of the runners are taken at the age they were on 1st January 2025.





BOOK WEEK

This week we celebrated our love of books with daily quotes, book reviews, and the Scholastic Book Fair – thank you to all the parents who supported us by purchasing books. Tuesday's Dress Up Day was a highlight, with students arriving as their favourite characters. Congratulations to all the winners of Scholastic vouchers! Senior students enjoyed a special visit from New Zealand illustrator Isobel Te Aho-White, while Wednesday's Character Hunt saw eager readers searching the school grounds for hidden characters. We hope Book Week has inspired our students to keep reading and discovering new stories.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." – Emilie Buchwald



MATHEX

Last Thursday, 14th August, Maunu School proudly sent four teams of enthusiastic mathematicians to represent us at the annual **Mathex competition**. This is always a highly anticipated event, bringing together schools from across the region to test their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and quick thinking under pressure.

Our teams worked incredibly well together, showing focus, perseverance, and a positive attitude throughout the competition. They tackled a series of challenging mathematical problems, racing against the clock to solve each one as accurately as possible. The atmosphere was full of energy and excitement, with plenty of cheering and encouragement from the sidelines.

We are delighted to share that all four of our teams competed strongly, with several of them only narrowly missing out on a podium placing. Their effort, determination, and ability to keep calm under pressure were impressive, and they should be extremely proud of their achievements.



OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

The Maunu School Board of Trustees invites applications for students living out of zone to enrol at Maunu School. The school's enrolment scheme details are available from the school's office along with application forms.

The Board of Trustees have determined that we have places available for out of zone students in the following year levels:

Year 1 students who will be 5 before the 1st of June 2026. We have up to 15 places available.

Year 3 students 2026. We have 4 spaces available.

Year 4 students 2026. We have 10 spaces available.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday October 8, 2025.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required, it will be held on Wednesday, October 15 2025. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within 3 school days of the ballot being held.

For application forms and enquiries please contact the School Office.

Ph 438 8060 or office@maunu.school.nz

If you would like a tour of the school please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

NZ CURRICULUM REFRESH AND PARENT PORTAL Q&A

The Ministry of Education is refreshing the New Zealand Curriculum to ensure every child receives a clear, consistent, and well-structured learning journey. A key change is the move from a **levels-based curriculum** to one built around **scope and sequence**.

What's the difference?

- **Old approach (Levels):** Learning was organised into broad "levels" (e.g., Level 2, Level 3). Teachers had flexibility to choose content, but this sometimes meant students in different classrooms could be learning quite different things, and key knowledge was not always covered in sequence.
- **New approach (Scope and Sequence):** Learning is clearly set out in phases (Years 1–3, 4–6, 7–8). Each phase outlines the **scope** (what content is taught) and the **sequence** (the order in which it is taught). This ensures all children are taught the same essential knowledge, concepts, and skills in a carefully planned order.

Why is scope and sequence important?

- **Consistency:** Every child across Aotearoa will be exposed to the same important content—no one misses out.
- **Clarity:** Parents, teachers, and students know what comes next, creating a smoother learning pathway.
- **Progression:** Skills and knowledge build logically over time, making learning stronger and more connected.
- **Equity:** All children, no matter where they go to school, are guaranteed access to the same core learning.

The refreshed curriculum is being introduced gradually, starting with **English** and **Mathematics & Statistics** in 2025. Other subjects will follow. We are excited about this change, as it provides a clearer roadmap for learning and ensures our tamariki are well supported to grow their knowledge and skills step by step.

PARENT PORTAL Q&A

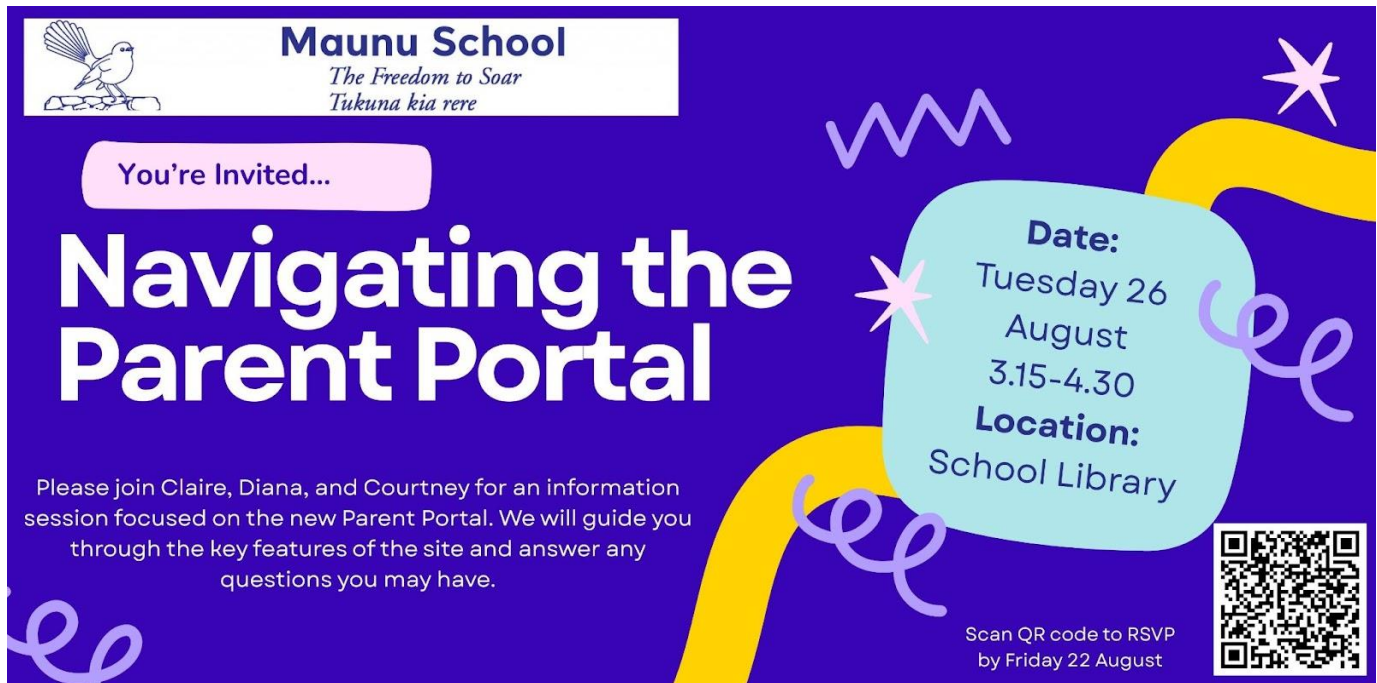
Next Tuesday, our Senior Management Team, along with Ali Booth (Education Advisor), will be available to chat and answer any questions you may have about the **Curriculum Refresh** and the **Parent Portal**.

Date: Tuesday 26 August

Time: 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Location: School Library

If you would like to attend, please RSVP using the link on the poster by Friday. We would love to see you there.



The poster is purple with a white header box containing the Maunu School logo (a bird) and the motto 'The Freedom to Soar / Tukuna kia rere'. Below the header, a pink button says 'You're Invited...'. The main title 'Navigating the Parent Portal' is in large white text. Below it, a paragraph invites parents to join Claire, Diana, and Courtney for an information session. A light blue speech bubble contains the event details: Date: Tuesday 26 August, Time: 3.15-4.30, Location: School Library. A QR code is in the bottom right corner, with text 'Scan QR code to RSVP by Friday 22 August'.

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MAUNU SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION WHAKANUIA TE TAI TOKERAU – CELEBRATING NORTHLAND

The **Art Exhibition** is fast approaching. We warmly invite our school community to join us for this very special event.

Our overarching theme for 2025 has been *Celebrating Northland*. Through reading, writing, science, and social studies, our tamariki have explored the richness of our own backyard – learning about the unique environment, history, and treasures of Te Tai Tokerau. How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world.

The exhibition will showcase this learning through the **visual arts**, giving our students the opportunity to express their ideas, stories, and perspectives in creative and powerful ways.

We are incredibly proud of the mahi and imagination that has gone into these works, and we know you will be inspired by what you see.

Art has always held a special place in our school community. It enriches learning, motivates curiosity, and inspires new ways of thinking. Most importantly, it provides tamariki with a voice to express who they are and the world they live in.



Please mark the dates in your diary - **Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th September 2-5.30pm and Thursday 11th September 2-6.30pm** and invite your wider whānau to come along and celebrate this occasion with us. We look forward to welcoming you into the school, sharing in the children's achievements, and honouring the power of art to connect and inspire.

Entry by gold coin donation.

BOT ELECTIONS – VOTING OPEN

Voting in our School Board elections has started and you are now able to cast your vote.

We have had 8 nominated for the 5 spaces for parent representatives on the Maunu School Board.

We have appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for the election, and you will be receiving voting information directly from them.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ or electionpilot.nz



Don't leave things to the last minute, **elections will close at 4pm on Wednesday 10 September.**

YOUTH SUMMIT 2025 – CHASING YOUR DREAMS

This Friday, our Year 6 students will have the exciting opportunity to attend the bi-annual **Youth Summit** at the WBHS Auditorium. This year's theme is "*Chasing Your Dreams*" – a message that resonates deeply with both our tamariki and our community.

The whakataukī guiding the summit is: *Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei*
Seek the treasure that you value most dearly; if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

This powerful proverb reminds us of the importance of perseverance and endurance. It challenges us to rise above the internal doubts and external obstacles that may try to hold us back, and to strive with determination toward our greatest aspirations.

At the Summit, our students will join with other Year 6, 7, and 8 students from across Whangārei to explore what it means to set goals, overcome challenges, and believe in themselves. They will hear from three incredible keynote speakers – **Cameron Leslie, Lee Morunga & Reo Dunn, and Luke Bird**. Each of these speakers is a proud Northlander who has dared to dream, achieved remarkable success, and navigated the setbacks and roadblocks along the way. Their stories of resilience, perseverance, and courage will inspire our students to see what is possible for their own lives.

The day will also feature vibrant performances, including a dance showcase from Whangārei Intermediate students, celebrating creativity, energy, and teamwork. This promises to be a day of inspiration and encouragement – a chance for our students to reflect on their own mountains to climb, their own dreams to chase, and the greatness that lies within each of them.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAUNU TENNIS CLUB

SENIOR opening, Saturday September 20th, 10am start. Thereafter Saturdays at 1.00pm.

TWILIGHT starts Thursday October 2nd, 5.15pm.

LADIES DAY every Wednesday at 9am.

JUNIOR opening, Tuesday October 7th, 3.15pm.

New members welcome to all sessions.

Enquiries to Sue or Ray Webb 027 274 3860 or 09 434 6898

